

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 28-61 will be pending. Claims 1-27 have been canceled. New claims 32-50 depend on independent claim 28 and encompass the subject matter of claims 2-20. New claim 51, written in independent form, encompasses the subject matter of claim 25. New claims 52-60 depend on claim 51 and encompass the subject matter of claims 2 and 9-16. Support for new independent claim 61 can be found at, for example, page 10 of the application. No new matter has been added. In view of the amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner, and advancement of the application to allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1-27 and claims 1-23 and 26-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Gehlsen et al. (U.S. 6,103,152) and Spitler et al. (U.S. 6,166,109), respectively. The Examiner also rejected claims 1-23 and 26-27 and claims 1, 2, 4, 7-23, and 26-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by EP-0,692,516 and Harrison et al. (U.S. 5,260,343), respectively. In view of the above amendments, Applicants submit the rejections under § 102 are moot. Therefore, Applicants request the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-23 and 26-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over EP-0,692,516 in view of Gehlsen et al., Spitler et al. taken alone, and Harrison taken alone, or in view of Spitler et al. In view of the above amendments,

Applicants submit that the rejections under § 103 are moot. Therefore, Applicants request the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

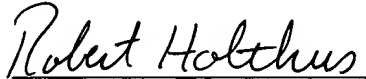
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance directed towards the pending claims.

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